

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BEXP, BF, RQ  
SUBJECT: PUERTO RICAN PRIVATE TRADE MISSION

REF A. STATE 175996 B. NASSAU 1352

1. EMBASSY IS NOT SPONSOR OF PRIVATE TRADE MISSION AND HAS NO AUTHORITY TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING SPECIAL CUSTOMS EXEMPTIONS (REF A).
2. ON JULY 11, EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER DATED JUNE 28 FROM JUAN H. CINTRON, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PUERTO RICO, STATING THAT "JULIO A. BLASINI, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR FOREIGN TRADE IS ORGANIZING THIS ACTIVITY IN COORDINATION WITH THE PUERTO RICO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE BAHAMAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE."
3. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH BAHAMAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICIAL JULY 13 TO INQUIRE WHAT MEASURES IT HAD TAKEN TO SECURE CUSTOMS ASSISTANCE FOR SAMPLE PRODUCTS BEING BROUGHT BY PRIVATE TRADE MISSION (REF A). EMBOFF WAS INFORMED THAT BAHAMAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ONLY RECEIVED LETTER FROM JUAN H. CINTRON ON JULY 12 CONCERNING THE EXISTENCE OF THE TRADE MISSION.

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SAME OFFICIAL ALSO INDICATED IT WAS "HIGH-HANDED, IRREGULAR AND PRESUMPTIOUS" FOR CINTRON AND BLASINI TO ASSUME THAT BAHAMAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOULD COSPONSOR THIS EVENT SINCE NEITHER HAD PREVIOUSLY COMMUNICATED WITH THE CHAMBER PLANS FOR MISSION TO BAHAMAS. SAME OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT CHAMBER WOULD, HOWEVER, ASSIST LUIS GONGALEZ (ADVANCE

OFFICER) IN SPITE OF PRESUMPTIOUS WAY IN  
WHICH PUERTO RICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS  
APPROACHED THIS ACTIVITY.

4. ALL FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THIS  
TRADE MISSION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO VINCENT  
D'AGUILAR, PRESIDENT, BAHAMAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
TELEPHONE (809) 322-2145.  
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